agencies. In respect of project implementation the funding agencies have agreed with our strategies which are in keeping with the National Policy on Education. The broad terms and conditions of the loan aid include the following:—

(a) For IDA Credit, Government of India shall pay a service charge at the rate of 3/4 of 1% per annum on the principal amount of the credit withdrawn and outstanding. Commitment charge on the amount not withdrawn shall also be payable at a rate not exceeding ½ of 1% per annum. The repayment period is 35 years with a 10 years grace period.

(b) The concerned DPEP State are required to maintain expenditures on elementary education in real terms at base year levels.

(c) Government of India shall ensure that the State Implementation Societies receive project funds on six monthly basis for anticipated expenditures under their approved annual work plans.

(d) Agreed time schedules for various studies and implementation programme would be followed.

(e) There will be Joint Supervision Missions to the project areas to assess the progress of programme implementation. These Missions will have representatives of the Government of India and International Funding Agencies.

**Delinking National Centre for Children's Literature from the National Book Trust**

1894. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government will consider it expedient to delink the National Centre for Children's literature from the National Book Trust of India in view of the imperative need for a full-fledged agencey to bestow adequate attention towards the production of literature for children; and

(b) if so, whether Government will consider Hyderabad to be the ideal place for its location, in view of the city's multi-lingual character and also in view of the fact that Andhra Pradesh is the pioneer in establishing Children's Akademi way back in 1976?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Centre for Children's Literature is an intergral arm of the National Book Trust. Since its inception in 1993, the Centre has been doing good work in the field of children's literature by setting up of readers' clubs in remote areas, conducting workshops, surveys of readers and publishers, exhibitions, fairs, seminars and the like. The Centre also functions as a complementary wing of the Trust for the Nehru Bal Pustakalaya children's series through identifications of manuscripts, study of need-based areas and conducting of workshops. Being a part of the National Book Trust, it is considered conducive to the proper growth of the National Centre for Children' Literature. As such, there is no proposal to delink the Centre from the National Book Trust.

**Second Language Status to Mother Tongue in Private Schools**

1895. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of schools under private mangement in the country where mother tongue is not the first language and is given only the status of the second language;

(b) whether a student can avoid study of his/her mother tongue even as the second language in such schools by opting for the special English which is provided

as an alternative subject of study upto tenth standard; and

(c) if so, whether the Central Government will consider to evolve a national policy of making the study of mother tongue compulsory upto tenth standard in all schools both under Government and private management?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Such schools are mostly unaided private schools.

(b) The Government is not aware of private schools offering special English in lieu of mother tongue as a second language. At the secondary school level, usually opportunities are available to study either the mother tongue or the regional language or both in addition to English. It is however, correct that every school may not have facilities to provide instructions in mother tongue to all the students, who may come from different parts of the country.

(c) The study of mother tongue/regional language is compulsory upto Class-X, in all schools in the country.

### क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा कालेज, अजमेर

1896. श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावतः क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान एवं प्रशिक्षण परिषद द्वारा चलाए जा रहे क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा कॉलेज, अजमेर में कुल कितने छात्र हैं और इसका वार्षिक बजट कितना है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार अजमेर के उक्त कॉलेज में वर्तमान पाठ्यक्रमों के अतिरिक्त नये पाठ्यक्रम शुरु करने पर विचार कर रही है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा कॉलेज (जो अब क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा संस्थान है) में विद्यार्थियों की संख्या निम्न प्रकार है:

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| (i) बी॰एस॰सी॰बी॰एड॰ | — | 270 |
| (ii) एम॰एड॰ | — | 20 |
| कुल: | | 290 |

वर्ष 1997-98 के लिए संस्थान का वार्षिक बजटीय आवंटन 3.8 करोड़ रु॰ था।

(ख) क्षेत्रीय शिक्षा संस्थान का योजना पत्र सेवा-पूर्व शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण संस्था की भूमिका तक ही सीमित नहीं है। इसकी जिम्मेदारी मुख्यतः निम्नलिखित पर बल देते हुए विविध प्रकार के सेवा कालीन शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमों को आयोजित करना है:—

(i) राज्य संस्थाओं यथा, एस॰सी॰ई॰आर॰टी॰, डी॰आई॰ई॰टी॰ आदि में क्षमता निर्माण।

(ii) जिला प्राथमिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम को शैक्षिक और तकनीकी सहायता।

(iii) पाठ्यचर्या विकास और शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण में राज्यों को संसाधन सहायता।

(iv) अध्ययन और अनुसंधान करना।

### Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1897. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and designations of the members of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and its Board of Governors as on date;

(b) whether the present Government is considering re-nomination of employees' representatives on each of these bodies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A statement containing the names and designations of the members of Kendirya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and its Board of Governors as on date, is given *(see below)*.

(b) and (c) The present Rules of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan do not provide for such nominations.